

whether he is brokering a peace between warring factions in Ethiopia or promoting peace, democracy and human rights in countries such as North Korea, East Timor, and Haiti, whether he is negotiating a cease-fire in Bosnia or working to ensure free and fair elections in countries throughout the world, Jimmy Carter is one of the pre-eminent figures of the last 50 years and a wonderful embodiment of the best of American ideals.

Prior to this year, Jimmy Carter had been nominated 10 times for the Nobel Peace Prize. I am extremely pleased that in October of this year he finally received this well-deserved and long-overdue tribute to his lifelong efforts. There is nobody more deserving of this highest of honors. I salute the decision of the Nobel Committee.

I again express my gratitude to all of our colleagues in the closing hours of this 107th Congress. This resolution recognizes the contributions of Jimmy Carter, and I join with others in congratulating him on this well-deserved, long overdue honor of the Nobel Peace Prize. Our congratulations to his beloved wife Rosalynn and his family for all they have contributed to the well-being of our Nation and to the world in which we live.

I inquire of the Chair as to whether or not the fourth whereas clause on page 2 has been stricken?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 360) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 360), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 360

Whereas in 1978, President Carter personally negotiated with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to reach the Camp David Accords, the cornerstone of all subsequent peace efforts in the Middle East;

Whereas President Carter completed negotiations on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks II (SALT II) and continued to make strategic arms control a focus of United States security policy;

Whereas President Carter emphasized the importance of human rights as a key element of United States foreign policy;

Whereas former President Carter and his wife Rosalynn established the Carter Center in 1982;

Whereas the Carter Center has taken an active and vital role in world affairs, always seeking to improve human rights, promote democracy, resolve conflicts, and enhance the lives of the people of the world;

Whereas former President Carter has made countless trips abroad to promote peace, democracy, and human rights, including visits to East Timor, North Korea, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Mexico, among many others;

Whereas former President Carter has made the promotion of peace, democracy, and human rights his life's work: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes and congratulates former President Jimmy Carter for being awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize and commends him for his tireless work for and dedication to peace.

Mr. DODD. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first, I express my appreciation to the Presiding Officer for being so patient these many hours until we arrived at this point. Thank you very much.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period not to exceed beyond 5 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTES TO DEPARTING SENATORS

FRED THOMPSON

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, since 1994, Senator THOMPSON has represented the people of Tennessee in this body. During that time, I have been fortunate to call him both a colleague and a friend.

In the last 8 years, Senator THOMPSON has fought hard for issues that are vital to Tennessee. He has made sure that his State has the infrastructure it needs and the resources it deserves. He has protected Tennessee's farmers and its workers.

Three years ago Senator THOMPSON founded the Smoky Mountains National Park Congressional Caucus. My own State of Alaska has many national parks so I understand the challenges that Senator THOMPSON faced. His commitment to eliminating the National Parks Service backlog has been admirable.

Senator THOMPSON has also served the best interests of our Nation. Our work on the governmental affairs committee reflects his dedication. As chairman of that committee he has worked to make the government smaller, more efficient, and more accountable. It has been a pleasure to work with him as we worked to create the department of homeland security.

The Senate and the people of Tennessee will miss Senator THOMPSON's commitment and dedication. I am grateful for his service and wish him future success.

PHIL GRAMM

Mr. President, for 24 years the people of Texas have had an impassioned ad-

vocate and dedicated public servant in PHIL GRAMM.

Over the course of his career, Senator GRAMM has established an impressive legislative legacy. He played a role in the fight to cut federal taxes, institute international free-trade incentives, reform the welfare system, set mandatory federal prison sentences for drug crimes, and support our armed forces. The Gramm-Leach Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act and the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act were ground-breaking legislative achievements. Through these and other efforts, Senator GRAMM has helped lay the foundation for a new era of national prosperity.

Senator GRAMM has been called a man of "frank opinions and unwavering convictions." Since he came to the Senate in 1984 I have been honored to call him my friend and colleague. We will miss his leadership and his voice in the Senate. I am grateful for his years of service and I wish him success in his future endeavors.

TIM HUTCHINSON

Mr. President, Senator HUTCHINSON has been a committed advocate for the people of Arkansas and an important voice in the Senate. His strong leadership led me to personally support his candidacy and I will greatly miss his presence here in Washington.

I believe Senator HUTCHINSON leaves behind an important legacy. As a veteran of World War II, I am particularly grateful for Senator HUTCHINSON's work on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. As chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on hospitals and Health Care, Senator HUTCHINSON really watched over the VA's 173 medical centers. Our Nation's Veterans gave so much to ensure our liberty and freedom. I thank Senator HUTCHINSON for making sure that we fulfill our promises to them and reward their service. It has been said that: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind in other people the convictions and the will to carry on."

We are thankful for Senator HUTCHINSON's service and convictions. I wish him much success.

FRANK MURKOWSKI

Mr. President, Alaska's recent elections have changed our state's congressional delegation for the first time in 22 years. As my Senate colleague of 22 years prepares to be sworn in as Alaska's tenth governor, I recall the battles we have fought together on behalf of our state, and I welcome the opportunity to work with him on tomorrow's challenges.

Senator MURKOWSKI has established an impressive record of achievement during his time in the Senate. Since 1981, he has represented the citizens of Alaska and served the nation admirably.